

Tompkins County Office of Human Rights and The Dorothy Cotton Institute *present*

# Human Rights Arts Competition

FALL / WINTER TERM 2015

*Formerly known as the MLK, Jr. Art and Poetry Competition*

— NEW THEME —

## *30 Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

<b>1. We are all born free with equal rights</b>	2. We have a right to be free from discrimination	3. We have a right to live in freedom and safety	<b>4. We have a right to be free from slavery</b>	5. We have a right to be free from torture or degrading treatment	6. We have a right to be treated fairly by the law
7. We have a right to equal protection under the law	<b>8. We have a right to seek justice when our rights are violated</b>	9. We have a right to be free from unfair imprisonment or exile	10. We have a right to fair public hearings	11. We have a right to be considered innocent until proven guilty	<b>12. We have a right to privacy &amp; freedom from attacks against our reputation</b>
<b>13. We have a right to free movement</b>	14. We have a right to protection in other countries from persecution	<b>15. We have a right to belong to a country</b>	<b>16. We have a right to get married</b>	<b>17. We have a right to own things</b>	<b>18. We have a right to our own thoughts and religion</b>
19. We have a right to think and say what we want	<b>20. We have a right to gather peacefully</b>	<b>21. We have a right to take part in government and elections</b>	<b>22. We have a right to a social safety net</b>	<b>23. We have a right to work and join trade unions</b>	<b>24. We have a right to rest and play</b>
<b>25. We have a right to health, food, clothing, and housing</b>	<b>26. We have a right to education</b>	<b>27. We have a right to enjoy the arts and sciences</b>	<b>28. We have a right to enjoy a free and fair world</b>	<b>29. We have a responsibility to our COMMUNITY</b>	<b>30. No one can take away our human rights</b>

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Building Global Community for Human Rights Leadership

# Theme

The theme of the competition is the 30 Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – artists should choose one or more of the Articles and explore its meaning using one of the approved art forms.



# Rules

- The competition is open to all Tompkins County youth in grades K-12 (including public, private, parochial, and home schooled).
- All entries must be original works of art and upon submission become the property of the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights.
- Both individual and group entries will be accepted.

# Important Dates

September 9, 2015

**Entries Accepted**



November 20, 2015

**Final Day Entries Accepted**



December 3, 2015

**Winners Announced**



December 10, 2015

**Recognition Ceremony**



# Art Forms

Age Category	Art Form Category
K-2	Visual Art
3-5	Visual Art & Poetry
6-8	Visual Art Poetry Short Film
9-12	Visual Art Poetry Short Film

## How to Enter

- Submit artwork to the Office of Human Rights (120 W. MLK Street) by 5pm on Friday, November 20, 2015
- One completed (and clearly legible) entry form must accompany each entry.
- For group entries, each individual artist must submit a legible entry form.
- Entry forms can be downloaded from [www.tompkinscountynv.gov/humanrights](http://www.tompkinscountynv.gov/humanrights).

# Criteria

<b>Originality</b>	Entry is the artist's own work and reflects unique style and substance
<b>Creativity</b>	Entry creatively uses the approved art form to make connections and ask questions about the Article(s) of the UDHR being explored.
<b>Artistic Quality</b>	Entry successfully exhibits relevance and thoughtfulness relative to age and experience.
<b>Relevance</b>	Entry reflects understanding of the article explored and critical thinking about the themes chosen.

## Judging

- There will one panel of judges each for visual art, poetry, and short films.
- Judges will be selected based on their knowledge about human rights and expertise in the various art forms.
- The decisions of the judges will be final.

# Visual Art Guidelines

*Individual, Group, and Class entries accepted*

- Individual entries must clearly explore at least one of the 30 Articles of the UDHR
- Class entries must clearly explore all 30 Articles of the UDHR
- One entry per person
- Be no larger than 2'x3' and no smaller than 8 1/2" x 11"
- A completed and legible entry form which includes all requested information must accompany submissions
- Name, grade, and teacher's name must be printed directly and legibly on the back of all submissions
- Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, cloth, and computer art. (Photo entries must be at least 8x10.)
- No collages, wood, plastic, glass, or metal. Entries which include glued on components will not be accepted.
- Submissions must be two dimensional. Mobiles, dioramas, or other 3D entries will not be accepted.
- Submission must be submitted flat, not rolled up
- No copyrighted characters, photographs, and magazine or newspaper illustrations
- Entries become the property of OHR

# Poetry Guidelines

*Individual and Class entries accepted*

- Individual entries should be no longer than 15 lines
- Class entries should be no longer than 30 lines
- All submissions must include a title, even if that title is 'Untitled'
- A completed and legible entry form which includes all requested information must accompany submissions
- Entry forms must be stapled to the back of the poem facing out
- Individual entries must clearly explore one of the 30 Articles of the UDHR
- Class entries must clearly explore all 30 Articles of the UDHR
- Submissions must be typed (preferred) or legibly written in ink (pencil does not photocopy)
- Poet's name must be clearly printed on the back of the poem.

# Short Film Guidelines

*Individual and Class entries accepted*

- Entries must be no longer than ten (10) minutes, including any titles and/or credits. Entries longer than ten (10) minutes will be disqualified from the official competition.
- Entries must explore one of the 30 Articles of the UDHR
- Entries should be submitted on a DVD in a sleeve or case. The DVD must play on standard DVD players and disc drives. Name and age category must be printed in marker directly on the DVD.
- A completed and legible entry form which includes all requested information must accompany submissions.
- Entries may be any style or genre of film (e.g. documentary, animation, narrative fiction, etc.)



# Prizes



- There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes and two honorable mention awards for each art form in each age category.
- Group winners share one prize.
- Artwork will be displayed at the Tompkins County Public Library
- Winners will receive medals and certificates of participation. Gift certificates will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

## The Dorothy Cotton Poetry Award

The Dorothy Cotton Poetry Award will be presented to a student who submits a poem that exhibits excellence and clarity in its expression of the human rights theme.

Civil Rights leader Dorothy Cotton will choose the winning entry and present the award to the winner at the award ceremony.



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